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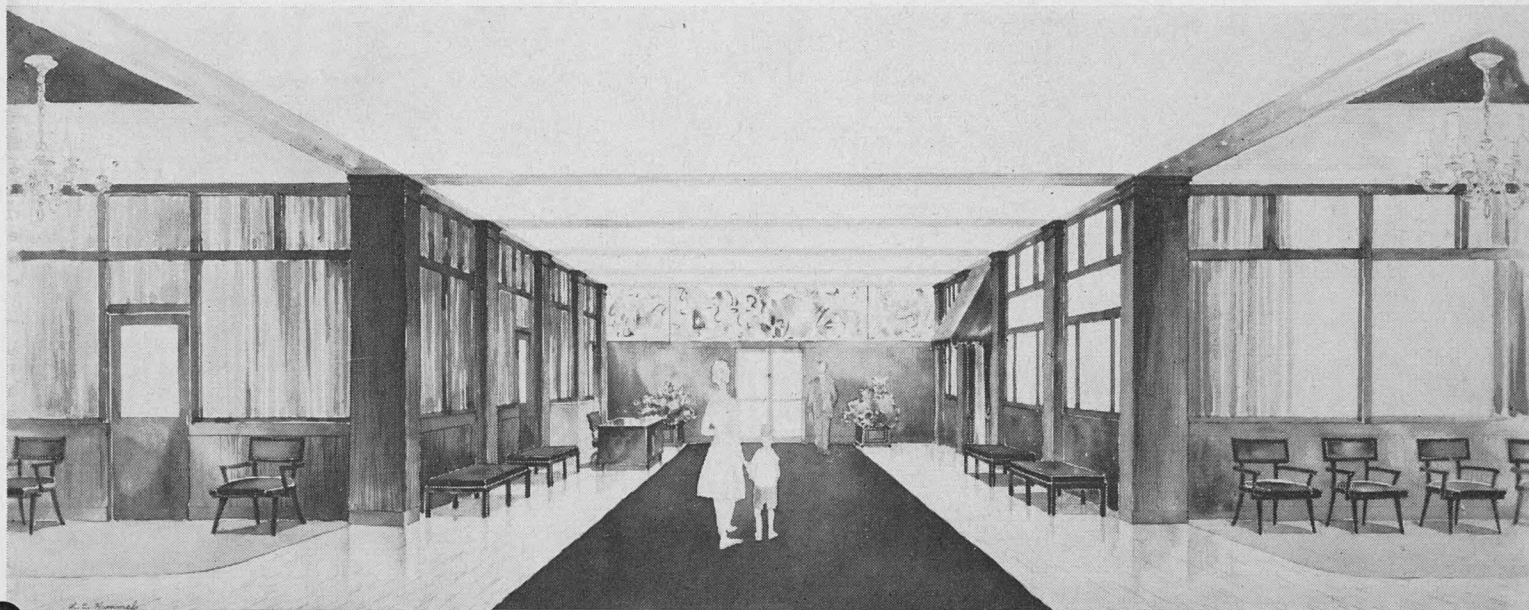


Barnes Hospital

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## Queeny Gift Renovates Lobby, Admitting Office



This architect's rendering shows the proposed remodeling of the Barnes Hospital lobby looking south toward the main entrance. The entire area will be renovated to present to the general public a warm, homelike appearance.

Renovation of the Barnes main lobby and Admitting office area for the purpose of providing a warm and pleasant atmosphere for the general public is expected to be completed on or about Nov. 30.

The work is being done through a special restrictive gift from Mr. Edgar M. Queeny, chairman of the Barnes Hospital Board of Trustees.

In order to change the cold, institutional look of the lobby and to bring more comfort, privacy and efficiency to the physical layout of the admitting area, wall partitions which divided the Admitting area will be removed and the lobby will be given a complete face-lifting.

Private interview cubicles will permit registration and admission procedures to be carried out in complete privacy. The area will be carpeted and illuminated with fluorescent lighting.

The low, uncomfortable sofas now used by patients waiting to be admitted will be replaced with attractive, comfortable, individual armchairs. Existing office furniture will be replaced with equipment which will match the rest of the decor.

Fire-retardant drapes will screen Admitting from the lobby area. The attractive drapery is unique in the respect that it is one color on the Admitting

side and another color on the lobby side, each color blending with the decor of the individual areas.

Vinyl wall covering of the same type and color as that used in the new addition to Rand-Johnson will soften the austerity of the present marble facing in the lobby. Plaster walls and ceilings will be repainted to harmonize with the general motif.

On each side of the famous Red Carpet, the marble flooring will be softened with an overlay of resilient vinyl tile. Although the tile will be of marble pattern, it will lack the hardness and coldness of the present floor covering.

To the rear of the main lobby, area carpets and comfortable arm chairs and benches will be installed for visitor comfort. Benches will also be placed along the sides of the lobby itself.

To add a final touch to the redecorating, large clusters of plastic flowers will be placed at either side of the main entrance.

The decorating plan for the lobby renovation was submitted by John Barlow Interiors, Inc., of St. Louis. The firm was also responsible for the decorating of the new floors of Rand-Johnson.

## Auxiliary Holds Fall Meeting

The Barnes Hospital Auxiliary held its fall membership meeting Oct. 24 in the School of Nursing to hear progress reports from President Mrs. Robert L. Bence and other officers and committee chairmen of the organization.

Mrs. Bence told the ladies that although new records of service have been achieved by the Auxiliary, there is still a very great need for additional women to devote their time to aiding the Medical Center.

The Auxiliary heard a panel consisting of Miss Jean Martz, director of Nursing Service; Miss Cora Glauser, associate director of Staff Development, and Miss Elizabeth McIntosh, director of Nursing Education, describe new trends in nursing.

Mrs. Dorothy Neukomm, chairman of the Nearly New Shop Committee, told the group that the venture has been a financial success. She added that brisk business has seriously depleted stocks and merchandise and she urged members to seek additional clothing and other saleable items.

## Meet The Trustees Queeny Displays Wide Interests

Edgar M. Queeny, chairman of the Finance Committee of the Monsanto Chemical Company and former president and chairman of the board of that firm,



Mr. Edgar M. Queeny

became chairman of the Board of Trustees of Barnes Hospital in November, 1961.

He entered Cornell University in 1915, majoring in chemistry,

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## Old Areas Renovated; Brighten No. 4 Building



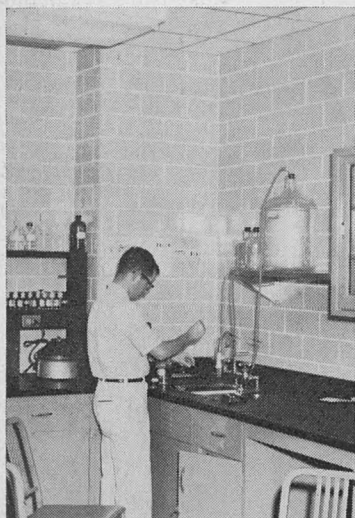
A brighter, more cheerful aspect has been achieved through the remodeling of 1418 and other areas in the No. 4 building at Barnes.

The renovation of No. 4 building at Barnes, which houses 1418 and 2418 wards and 3400, is nearing completion and represents another step in the program by Administration to renovate facilities at the hospital.

The areas have been given a totally new heating and air conditioning system which allows individual control of temperature.

Ceilings have been lowered to control the accoustical level of the areas and to mask the duct and pipe work which was necessary. Fresh air is supplied to all areas and rooms by a separate air handler to allow for proper circulation.

Lighting levels have been varied according to need by the installation of new lighting fixtures.



Senior Medical student David Goldberg working in the recently refurbished students lab adjacent to 1418.

In the porch areas, stairwells have been enclosed in accordance with building code standards. The nurses' call system

has been completely rewired to increase its efficiency.

In general, the areas have been redecorated to improve their overall appearance and plans call for the partitioning of the ward areas into separate two and four bed units.

New bathrooms have been installed on the corridors of 2418 and 1418 to aid in relieving the shortage of bathroom facilities in those areas. The new bathrooms have ceramic tile floors and walls, are properly ventilated and well-lighted.

Student laboratories in the area have been completely renovated. Each of the labs has a separate air handling system to provide comfortable temperatures, new flooring, completely tiled ceramic walls from floor to ceilings, adequate lighting, and new soil lines to provide adequate drainage for acid waste.

## FOUR OBSERVE ANNIVERSARIES

Dr. Frank R. Bradley, director emeritus of Barnes Hospital, led the list of Barnes personnel observing anniversaries of employment during October.

Dr. Bradley served as director of Barnes for 23 years prior to being elected director emeritus in May of 1962. He started his career at Barnes in 1928 as assistant superintendent.

Dr. Bradley marked his 35th year at Barnes last month.

Observing 10 years of service at Barnes last month were Mrs. Willie M. Crenshaw, senior nurse assistant; Miss Lena D. Greene, lead girl in Dietary, and Mrs. Rita V. Fehlig, administrative secretary.

## Chaplain's Corner

By George A. Bowles

There is no substitute for faith. There are those who would react to this statement by asserting that if this word applies to religion, they will have none of it.

There are others who think of faith largely in the context of religion, and like to be counted among those who place a great deal of importance in it. As important as this background of the word is, it is much bigger than this one discipline.

Faith can operate in every area of life in which we live. In fact, it does. It is so largely a matter of degree, on the one hand, and the amount to which we make use of it on the other. The kind of faith we select to use is very important in shaping our course of living. It can be on a very low plane, as well as on a very high plane.

The criminal has a certain kind of faith that tells him he can get by with his selfish plans. A certain physician I happen to know had a faith that he could render his greatest service to humanity by working with and teaching other physicians in a distant land. There is vast difference between these two kinds of faith.

We can try to live without faith in ourselves, and be of all people most lonely.

Whatever our task might be, it is important or it would not exist. It is big enough to challenge us to believe in it, and to believe that it should be done well. Our names may never go down among the great, but we can at least live well with ourselves.



"That touch of mink!" Administrative Secretary Miss Susan Jamieson tries on a full length mink recently sold at the Nearly New Shop. Contributions of saleable items are needed by the Nearly New Shop.

## New Coordinator Of Safety Named



Charles C. De Rousse

Charles C. De Rousse has joined the staff of Barnes Hospital as coordinator of safety and security.

De Rousse was quality control and safety director at Johns-Manville Products Corporation at Madison, Ill., for 11 years before joining the Barnes staff. Prior to that he held the post of furnace practice and safety coordinator at the Koppers Company in Pittsburgh, Pa., and Granite City, Ill., for 11 years.

His career has been marked by an unusual sustained effort to obtain a higher education.

He had completed his first year of college in 1931 at Southern Illinois University when the depression forced him to abandon his educational program to seek employment.

In 1955, he decided to start all over again and by attending classes in his spare time, managed to graduate from Belleville, Ill. Junior College in 1960 with an Associate of Arts certificate.

He transferred to SIU in 1960 and has been attending night school ever since.

With only 18 credit hours remaining before he can obtain his Bachelor of Science degree, De Rousse has again interrupted his training.

"I believe my new job at Barnes will require all my efforts, day and night, for the first year. However, I have definite plans to resume my night school education next September," he said.

DeRousse and his wife, Bernice, live in East St. Louis, Ill. They have two married daughters, Mrs. Gwendolyn Poole of LeRoy, Ill., and Mrs. Rhonda Mae Rehlen, of Tulsa, Okla. They also have six grandchildren.

Barnes Hospital conducts more than 600,000 laboratory tests annually.



## BH United Fund Raises \$16,280

The Barnes Hospital United Fund Drive raised \$16,280 of its goal of \$20,000 as the drive officially ended Oct. 25.

Pledges are still being received by the Personnel office and employees who still have not returned their pledges are urged to do so.

Assistant Director John M. Boyer said Barnes employees last year contributed \$14,560 and in 1961 donated \$9,000.

## Jewish Rabbi Serves Barnes

The announcement last month by the St. Louis Jewish Federation of the appointment of Rabbi Lawrence Seigel as full-time Jewish chaplain for institutions in this area added another link in the Barnes Chaplain's program.

Rabbi Seigel, based at Jewish Hospital nearby, will serve patients of the Jewish faith at Barnes and other area hospitals. He can be reached at FOrest 7-8080, extension 489.

Rabbi Seigel will primarily provide spiritual guidance and counsel to those patients who are not affiliated with a congregation in this area.

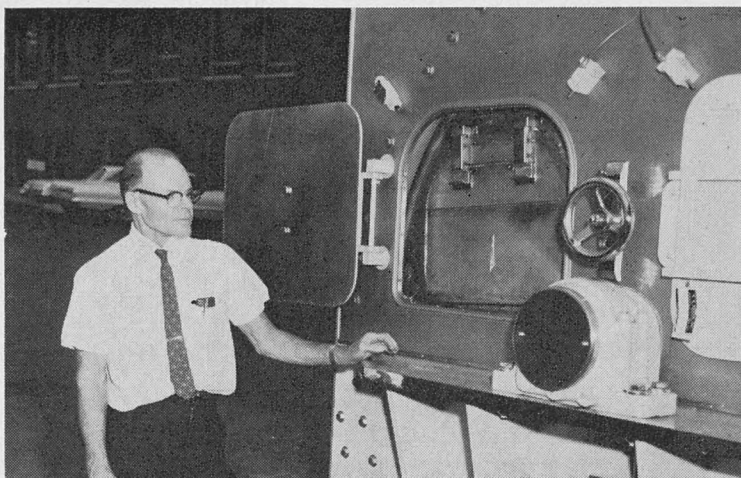
He is a graduate of the University of California at Berkeley, and of Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati. He studied in Israel in 1957 and 1958. After he was ordained in 1961, he served as spiritual leader for a congregation in Santa Rosa, California and as chaplain for the Department of Correction in California.

Orderlies lead strenuous lives. Central Service recently received a request from a nursing station to "send us two patients to put an orderly to bed."



Operation of the large flatwork stacker, which handles 1,800 pieces of flatwork per hour, is the job of (l to r): Mabel Riley, Ruth Hall, Ruth Celmar and Louise Moore.

## New Machines Speed Laundry Production



Laundry Manager Clyde Caldwell surveys one of two new Washer-Extractor-Conditioners purchased by the hospital to speed laundry production and efficiency.

One department which seldom fails to elicit interest among groups touring the Medical Center is the laundry, located beneath the Audubon bridge.

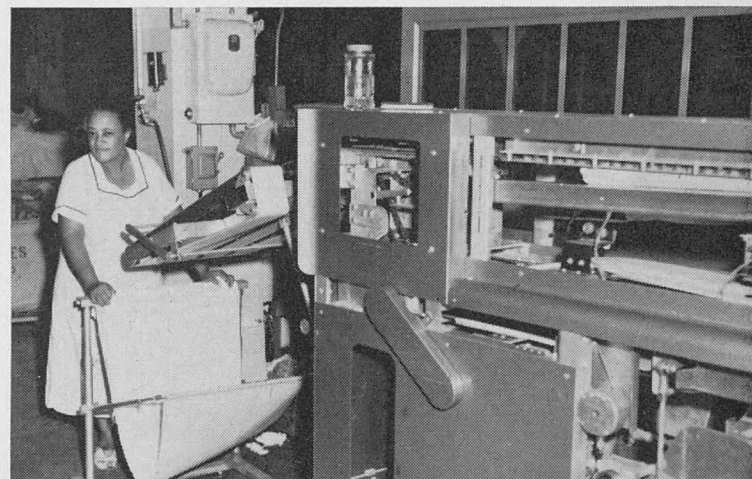
Here, 64 employees have the monumental task of keeping up with a work load which averages 117,500 pounds of laundry per week, or approximately 24,000 pounds per day.

To assist in this task, two new washer-extractors were installed last month. Manager Clyde Caldwell says they will speed the operation considerably. Where the present wash line requires 10 hours of operation daily, the addition of the two huge automatic washer-extractors will reduce this time by 2½ hours per day.

Another important factor considered by Caldwell is that before installation of the new machines, any breakdown along the line would mean real trouble. The machines will not only speed production but will also serve as auxiliary units in case of breakdown.

Concrete bases were poured

Oct. 16 to bear the weight of the 15,160 pound extractors. All production was halted in the laundry that day and the crew worked Oct. 19 to catch up.



Mabel Riley operates the automatic towel and small linen folder which carries small linen along on a cushion of air.

Actual installation of the 12-foot high machines took place Oct. 23.

The big machines will handle 1,000 pounds of laundry at a time and will wash, extract and pre-condition the clothes in one operation. After moisture extraction, approximately 50 percent of the moisture remains in the laundry. Pre-conditioning takes this level down to the point needed for effective pressing and handling.

Part of the present pre-conditioner conveyor system and some air ducts had to be removed in order to move the machines into place. Again, work had to be stopped and made up later.

Caldwell said the machines automatically control temperature, timing, and the amount of cleaning materials added to each batch of laundry.

In another phase of the operation, a special gas line had to be laid to the laundry from the Euclid Avenue main. A meter house had to be constructed outside the laundry to handle the new line.

The new line will supply the gas-heated drying and pre-conditioning tumbler which was installed a short time ago. The new tumbler dries 400 pounds of laundry in 15 minutes.

One of the questions most frequently asked of Caldwell by touring groups is: "Don't the laundry employees contract all sorts of diseases through handling soiled laundry from hospital patients?"

"There has never been one instance of illness among laundry employees traceable to handling laundry," Caldwell answers. "Laundry workers, like other hospital workers, not only build up varying degrees of immunity to germs, but they never handle laundry from infectious patients."

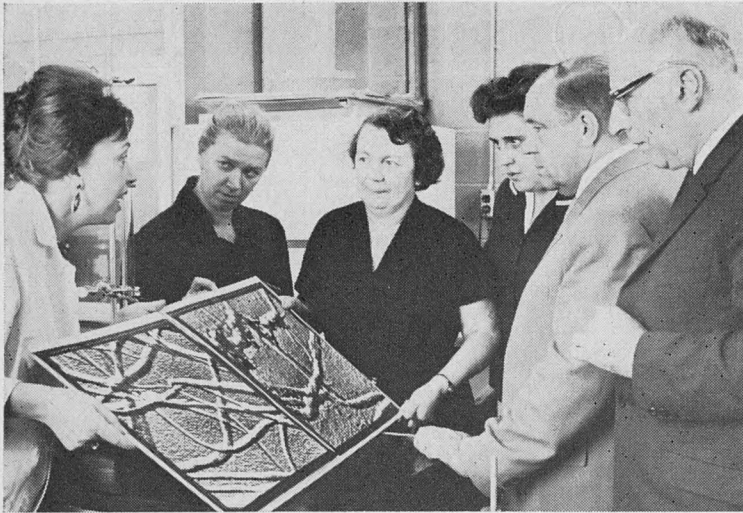
"That laundry is sealed in special containers on the floors and delivered separately. It is then dumped directly into special washers without being handled by the employees," he explained.

Further improvements in speeding up the handling of laundry have been accomplished through the installation earlier this year of an automatic towel and small linen folder and a large flatwork stacker which can handle up to 1,800 pieces per hour.

## Ride Needed

Young lady employed at Wohl needs a ride from either Granite City, Ill., or downtown St. Louis, to arrive at Barnes at 8:30-9:00 a.m. Call Sta. 760.





A group of Russian doctors who toured the Medical Center last month viewed magnified blood cells shown by Dr. Norma Fletcher (l), research professor at the Washington University School of Medicine. The Russian specialists in hematology are (l to r): Magira Bogoyallenskaya, Mariya Unnova, Nataliya Kislyak, Antonin Filatov and Georgiy Aleksyev.

## Double Promotions In Credit Dept.

Twenty-five promotions were reported by the Personnel Department for the month of October with two Barnes employees among the group being promoted twice last month.

Winning the double promotions were Carol E. Wermuth, who moved up from file clerk to clerk typist and then to patient account clerk, and Janet Cady, who rose from clerk typist to patients account clerk and then to the post of chief credit clerk.

Roy C. Andrews, executive assistant in scheduling, was promoted to schedule coordinator.

In the Department of Nursing where the greatest number of promotions were reported, 18 persons advanced.

Laura J. Bell, an instructor in the School of Nursing, became a coordinator. Head Nurse Georgia Reed rose to the post of supervisor. Staff Nurse Jeanette Claus became an assistant head nurse.

Moving up to the post of floor technician were Senior Nurse Aides Hippolyte Johnson, Lawrence Rambo and Curtis Kohring. Nurse Aide Porter Smith became an equipment technician and Nurse Aide Percy Brinkley advanced to floor technician.

Nurse Aides Wilber Flagg and Peter Bourbeau became senior nurse aides. Junior Nurse Aide Emma Smith rose to nurse aide. Student Nurse Aides Anthony Naves and Weldon Epting were promoted to nurse aides.

Advancing from the rank of student nurse aide to junior nurse aide were: Geraldine Chamberlain, Barbara Young, Velmal Phillips, Delores Short

## Switchboard Overburdened

To open more trunk lines for hospital calls on the already overtaxed hospital switchboard, Communications Coordinator C. E. Bopp suggests the following:

1. Limit personal calls to emergencies and use public phones whenever possible for such calls.

2. To transfer calls depress the receiver button slowly. Do this only once and wait until the operator answers. Do not call the operator on another phone to transfer a call.

3. Don't hold the line. If there is to be a delay while you look up information take the caller's number and call back.



Miss Helen Vos, educational director of the Barnes Hospital School of Anesthesia for Nurses, was elected vice president of the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists at their recent annual meeting in New York City.

and Dessie Mae Willis.

In Medical Records, file clerk Helen Fedrick advanced to dictaphone operator.

In Maintenance, Helper Painter Jack Sikes became an apprentice painter.

## TRUSTEE

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and received his AB degree in 1919.

When the United States entered World War I, Queeny enlisted in the Navy as a seaman. In 1917, he was commissioned an ensign and served eight months overseas.

In 1919, he was discharged from the Navy as a Lieutenant (jg). Later that year he married the former Miss Ethel Schneider, the daughter of a Washington, D. C. architect.

He began his career with Monsanto—a firm his father founded and which bears his mother's maiden name—in 1919 as the firm's first advertising manager. He began publishing the house organ "Monsanto Current Events" which eventually became today's highly acclaimed "Monsanto Magazine."

In 1928, he was elected president of the firm and held that post until 1943 when he became chairman of the board. In 1960 he left that position to become chairman of the company's Finance Committee.

Under Queeny's direction, Monsanto Chemical Company grew from a \$10.5 million organization in 1928 to a worldwide enterprise with more than \$1 billion of assets by 1960's close. From its original plant on South Second Street in St. Louis, its scope has expanded to include plants and offices in all parts of the world.

He holds directorships in many corporations and organizations, among them American Airlines, the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, the St. Louis

Symphony Society, United Fund of Greater St. Louis, American-Korean Foundation, the Herbert Hoover Foundation and the World Rehabilitation Fund, to name only a few.

He has authored three books: Cheechako, a story based upon his experiences on a hunting and fishing trip to Alaska; Spirit of Enterprise, an economic treatise; and Prairie Wings, which critics say contains more authoritative data on wild ducks than any other publication.

In 1949 and 1952, Queeny led African safaris sponsored by the American Museum of Natural History to obtain sound motion picture film on African wildlife. Six anthropological documentary motion pictures resulted from the film footage taken, including "Latuko" and "Wakamba," both of which were shown at theaters.

He has also produced a film on Atlantic salmon entitled "Silver Lightning," which has also been shown in theaters. His most recent motion picture features wildlife in Alaska and is entitled "The Great Country."

## STREET RENAMED

The St. Louis Board of Aldermen passed a bill Nov. 1 changing the name of the street in front of Barnes.

Upon the signature of Mayor Raymond R. Tucker, the name of the street will be "Barnes Hospital Plaza."

It is presently named South Kingshighway Boulevard.

The signature of the mayor, making the change of name official, is expected on or before Nov. 10.

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